

	Alternative 1 The Highest Significance Resources Retained by NPS (Preferred Alternative)	Alternative 2 Most Resources Retained by NPS	Alternative 3 NPS Retains Preservation Zone and Transfers Interment Zone to ANC	Alternative 4 All of Section 29 Retained by NPS (No Action)
Area Retained By NPS	14.8 acres – The Preservation Zone (except for the northern tip) and southeastern area of the Interment Zone	20.1 acres - All of Preservation Zone and southern portion of the Interment Zone	12.4 acres of the Preservation Zone	All 24.4 acres of Section 29
Area Transferred to ANC	9.6 acres – The Interment Zone (except for the southeastern area) and the northern tip of the Preservation Zone.	4.3 acres of the northern Interment Zone.	The 12-acre Interment Zone.	No area transferred to ANC.
Effects on Historic Landscape	The most significant landscapes preserved. Areas of high cultural landscape integrity would be developed for interments.	All significant landscapes preserved and disturbed areas restored. No areas of high cultural landscape integrity developed.	Cemetery development would involve modification of the historic estate's forested landscape through selective clearing. This forest has high cultural landscape integrity in the southern Interment Zone.	All cultural landscapes preserved.
Effects on Views	The most significant views preserved. There would be minor disturbance of historic scene along the main entrance road.	All significant views preserved.	Selective clearing would reduce screening of adjacent modern Ft. Myer facilities as seen from the Preservation Zone and other areas of the historic estate; also affect views from Ft. Myer and ANC.	No changes in views.
Effects on Archeological Resources	The most significant archeological loci preserved <i>in situ</i> , other archeological sites would be developed and require mitigation.	Most significant archeological loci preserved <i>in situ</i> , some mitigation needed in northern Interment Zone.	Cemetery development of significant archeological loci in southern Interment Zone would require mitigation, involving further study and removal of prehistoric artifacts from their original context.	Archeological resources all preserved <i>in situ</i> .
Effects on Natural Forest Habitat	The most significant forest areas would be preserved. Other forest areas would be developed and some acres of forest would be eliminated; adjacent forest could be affected by invasion of exotics.	Most significant forest areas would be preserved; only areas not contiguous with the main forest, and already disturbed or with younger trees would be developed.	Development would reduce the oldest and largest tract of forest in Arlington county. Area-sensitive migrating and nesting bird species might be eliminated.	No change, protection of the forest would continue.
Effects on Water Resources by Erosion and Sedimentation	Development in southern & central Interment Zone would reduce riparian forest buffer and lower filtering benefits to streams.	No development in Section 29 would affect water resources.	Development of southern Interment Zone would reduce riparian forest buffer and lower filtering benefits to streams, increasing potential for erosion and sedimentation of water resources.	No changes.
Benefits to Arlington National Cemetery	Significant addition of burial and columbarium sites.	Addition of an unknown number of burial and columbarium sites.	Maximum addition of burial and columbarium sites	No addition of interment sites

Matrix Summarizing and Comparing Effects of Alternatives